Every Woman Matters Program & the Nebraska Colon Cancer Screening Program

- The Every Woman Matters (EWM) Program is a federally funded program that pays for office visits with associated Pap tests, pelvic exams, cinical breast exams and lab fees. Age appropriate mammography is also covered as well as a limited number of diagnostic tests. The program provides screening services to medically under-served women ages 40 to 74. Funding is awarded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- Nebraska receives approximately \$3 million annually to provide screening and diagnostic tests, public education, professional education, surveillance, evaluation and quality assurance activities.
- Started in 1991, Nebraska was one of the first twelve participating states. Today, all 50 states, 9 tribal organizations and several U.S. territories offer breast and cervical cancer screenings. Nebraska was among the first twelve state programs to receive additional funding to offer cardiovascular and diabetes screenings. Nebraska was also one of five programs in the nation to be awarded funding in order to offer colon cancer screenings to Nebraska men and women.
- Nebraska has statewide coverage for services. Approximately 800 health care clinics/offices, hospitals, mammography facilities/radiology groups, and laboratories perform services for EWM.
- All counties in Nebraska are serviced by community partners who promote the availability of EWM, enroll eligible clients, and implement health education activities in their local communities. Additional community partners decrease barriers for clients and help clients access preventive health care services.
- All clinical providers in Nebraska are served by contracted Case Managers in order to decrease barriers for clients and to help clients access preventive health care.
- Women eligible for screening services through Every Woman Matters are 40 through 74 years of age, fall
 within the program's income guidelines, and are neither Medicaid beneficiaries nor do they belong to
 Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) or have Medicare Part B.

Program data show that:

- 56% of program participants are at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines
- 79% have no insurance
- 24% are non-white
- 25% are Hispanic

From 1992-2011 Every Woman Matters data show:

Screened: -164,000 women 18+ Performed: -110,465 Mammograms

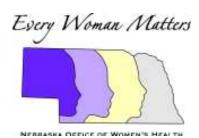
-129,291 Pap Smears

-10,415 Clinical Breast Exams

Diagnosed: -914 Breast Cancers

-68 Cervical Cancers

Detected: -1,135 Cervical pre-cancers



(more on back)

Since 2001, Every Woman Matters has offered preventive tests for cardiovascular disease and diabetes available. These tests include blood pressure, lipid panel check, glucose check, triglyceride check, height, weight, waist circumference and a health risk appraisal. Personalized education and information are provided to clients to help them live healthier lives.

From 2001-2011 the cardiovascular and diabetes screening program data show:

Cardiovascular Screens: -45,601 Women 40+

Detected: -7,544 cases of elevated cholesterol

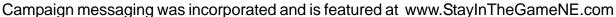
-7.480 cases of elevated blood pressure

-3,318 cases of elevated glucose

Provided: -27,800 lifestyle counseling sessions

In 1995, the State Legislature authorized EWM to raise funds to help women pay for treatment services. The Breast and Cervical Cancer Advisory Committee (BCCAC) and the EWM Foundation were created to assist with this task. To date, the BCCAC and Foundation have assisted 235 women with treatment of breast or cervical cancer. (Data as of 8/10)

- In 2001, Nebraska's Medicaid Treatment Bill (LB677) passed in the Legislature. Women diagnosed with breast cancer, cervical pre-cancer or cervical invasive cancer through the EWM Program, after September 1, 2001, are eligible for treatment through Nebraska Medicaid. To date, 1,075 women diagnosed through the program have accessed the Medicaid Women's Cancer Control Program for reimbursement for their cancer treatment. (Data as of 8/10)
- Nebraska has one of the highest incidence rates of colon cancer. In 2006, the Nebraska Colon Cancer Screening Program (NCP) was implemented in order to provide colon cancer screening tests for Nebraska men and women who are between 50 and 74 years of age. Nebraska was one of only five such programs in the nation. In 2009, the program received an additional five years of funding to offer fecal occult blood test and colonoscopies to those eligible based on family and personal health history.



From 2006-2011 the Nebraska Colon Cancer Screening Program data show:

Screened: -5,000 Men and Women 50+

Colonoscopies: -1,294 Removed: -501 Polyps

-10 Cancers

Distributed: -12,000 FOBT kits (including those distributed by community coalitions)

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